

The Official Opening of the Junction Primary School Ablution Block



The PPO Foundation, Switzerland, together with the Mahela Group, made it possible for this new Ablution Block, for the benefit of The Junction Primary School to be completed. The official opening took place on the 16th May 2017.

The PPO Foundation is a non-profit organisation, founded in 2007. It aims to organise and support social projects in the regions, from where PPO Services AG imports their products. The PPO Foundation tries to support all their projects on a long term basis, which means that every project is financed over several years. The first Foundation project was started at Letsitele, supporting The Junction School. Since then (2008) the PPO Foundation has been able to back this institution with several initiatives. The two people involved with the project of the PPO Foundation are Daniel Buchmuller and Pieter Frey.

The Junction Primary School has grown so much over time with 280 learners at present. A need for bigger and better ablution facilities were crucial. The school was growing so much due to the fact that the department closed down smaller farming schools in the area, intensifying the need of more ablution facilities. Thanks to PPO's support, the school now has a Junior and Senior ablution block.

The opening of the new ablution blocks was cause for celebration and merriment. PPO, together with Mahela Group, treated the learners and teachers to cake, sweets and juice. The Gr7 learners read out their own poems written in their dairies that were also sponsored by Mahela Group on a previous occasion. The purpose of the dairies is to write their dreams and life happenings each day and this is encouraged by their teachers. A poem that was dedicated to Mr. Edward Vorster from Mahela Group, made the occasion even more special.

The function was concluded by planting three Bruin Stinkhout (*Bridelia micrantha*) trees, as a growing consciousness to make a difference in other people's lives. **ALEXAN COETZER**

